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1. On 20 May 1953, a train with 34 T-44 tanks and 6 SU 249 guns en route from Frankfurt/Oder to Kirchmoeser was observed at Cottbus railroad station.
2. The following shipments were observed at Frankfurt/Oder railroad station:
 

Date in May	Load	From or Via	To
17	15 prime movers	from Frankfurt/Oder	Lieberose
21	16 tanks	via "	"
22	40 rocket launchers 7 prime movers	" "	direction of Cottbus
27	40 rocket launchers	" "	"
28	28 " "	" "	"
3. On 22 May, a westbound train of 40 flatcars with rocket launchers was observed at Cottbus railroad station. <sup>3</sup>
4. On 27 May, 10 flatcars with 10 trucks en route from Frankfurt/Oder to Altengrabow and, on 28 May, 24 flatcars with 29 M-13 rocket launchers en route from Frankfurt/Oder to Luckenwalde were observed at Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. <sup>4</sup>
5. On 31 May, a train of about 30 cars with rocket launchers, probably of model M-13, was observed at Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. The slide rails were about 5 meters long and projected beyond the driver's cabin. <sup>5</sup>

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- 25X1A 2. Comment. The shipment probably did not cross the border en route from the East but carried a tank unit, possibly from Fuerstenwalde, to the troop training grounds via Frankfurt/Oder. 25X1
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- 25X1A 4. Comment. The two shipments are probably identical. Another source reported the shipment with Luckenwalde as receiving station but indicated the rocket launchers as being of model M-31. As a Soviet rocket launcher regiment is stationed at Luckenwalde and Soviet units are equipped with the modern M-31 type rocket launchers, it is believed that the shipment consisted of M-31 rocket launchers.
- 25X1A 5. Comment. If the shipment actually consisted of model M-31 rocket launchers it may have been consigned to the KVP. As no receiving station is listed, no definite conclusion can be drawn.

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